

### REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7 and 9 are now pending in the application. Claims 10-16 have been cancelled herein and Claims 4-6 and 8 were previously cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

The Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 1.144 as to Claims 10-16. Claims 10-16 have been cancelled herein, and as such this issue is moot.

### ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

All of the presently pending claims (Claims 1-3, 7 and 9) have been allowed and Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to these claims.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 10, 2006

By:   
MICHAEL E. HILTON  
Reg. No. 33,509

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.  
P.O. Box 828  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303  
(248) 641-1600

MEH/cs